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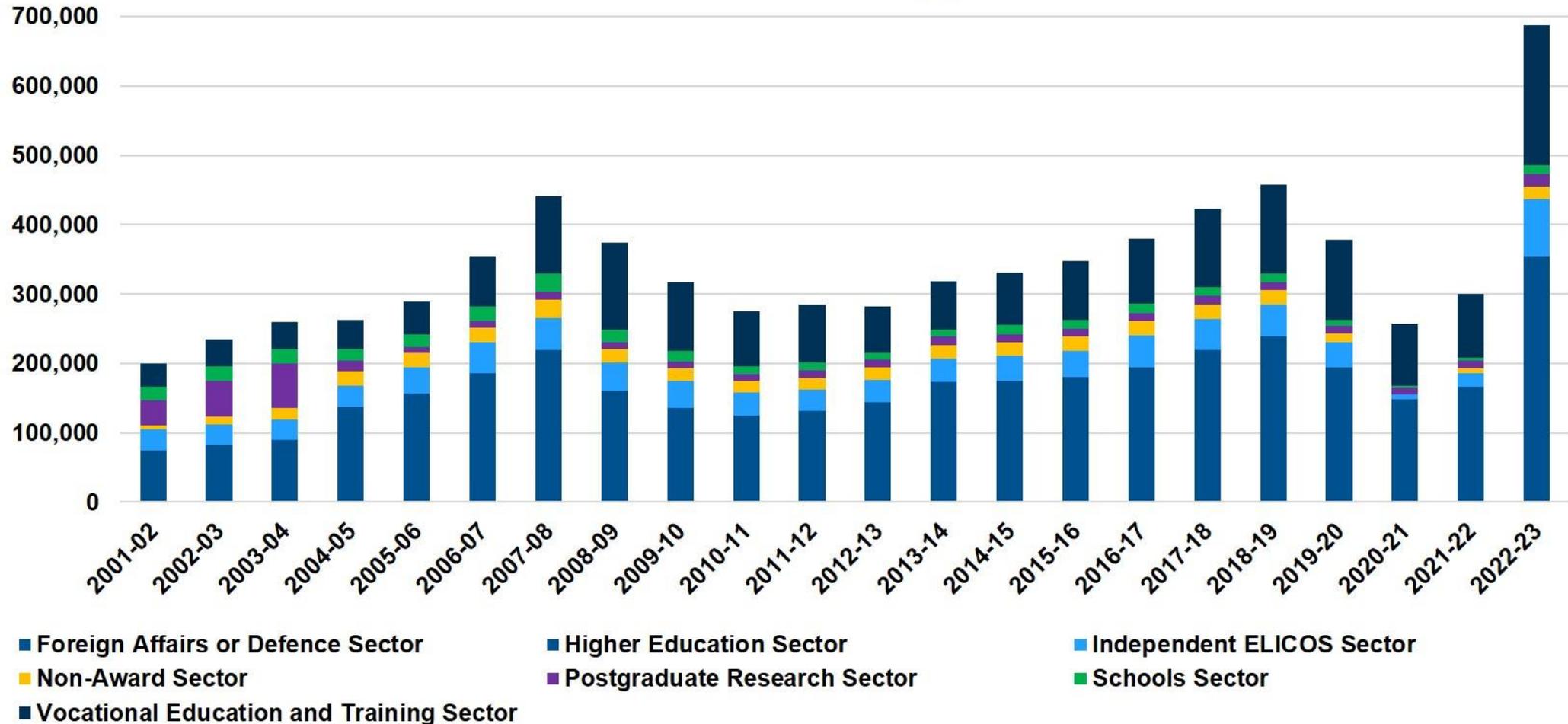
Alison Garrod  
Assistant Secretary  
Temporary Visas Branch

31 August 2023 – English Australia Conference 2023

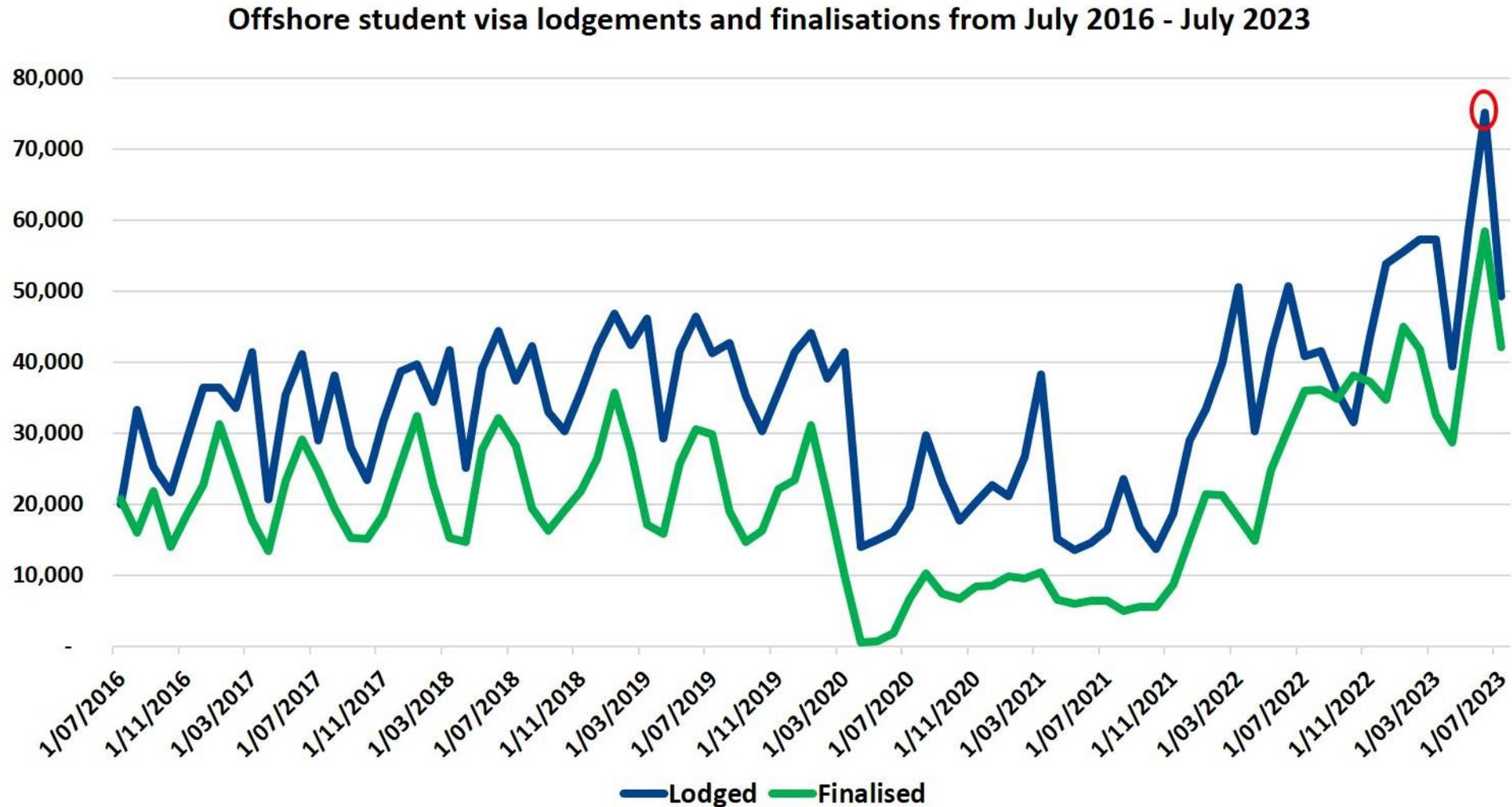


# A record number of visa finalisations in 2022-23

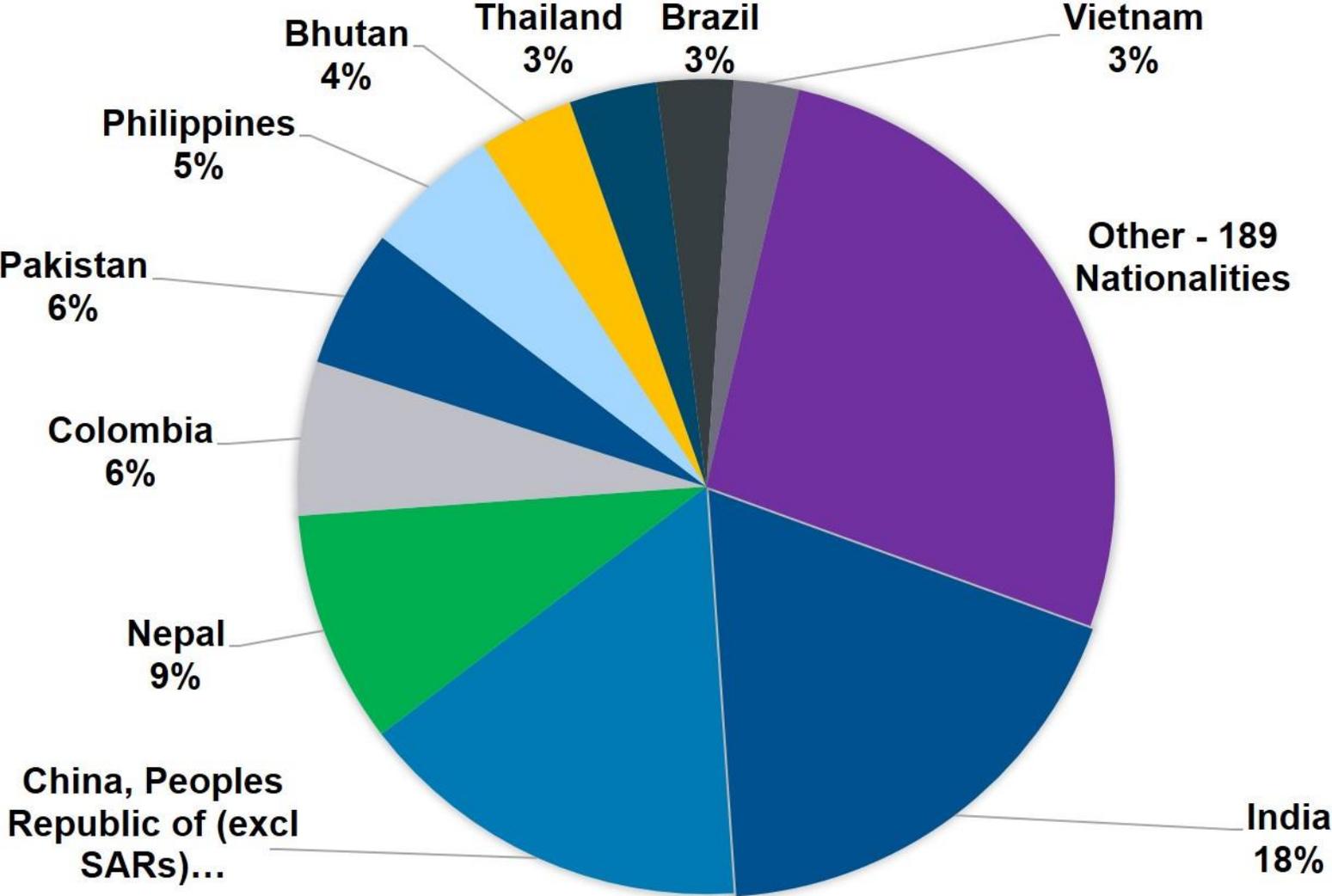
Total student visa finalisations by year 2001-2023



# Record offshore lodgements and finalisations July 2016 - July 2023

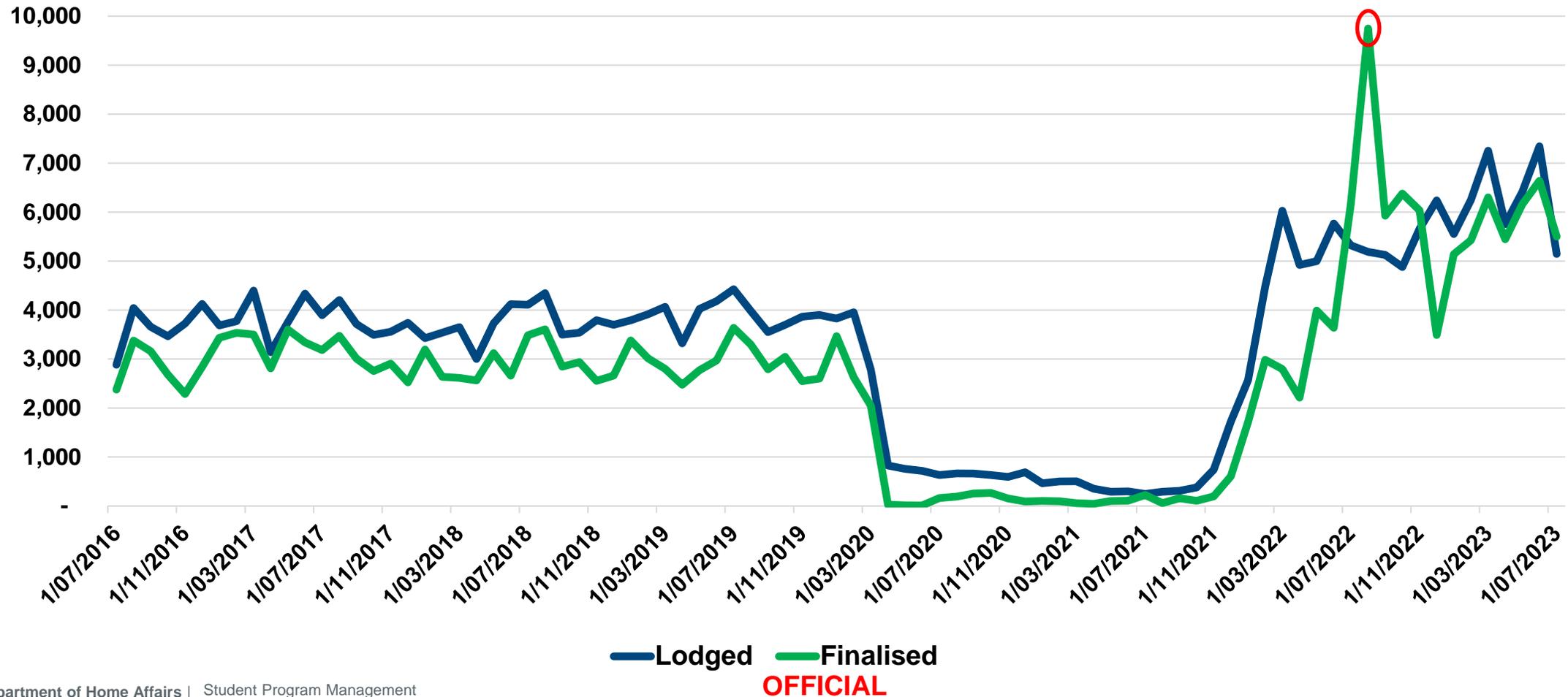


# A swing to the sub-continent; away from China - 2022-23

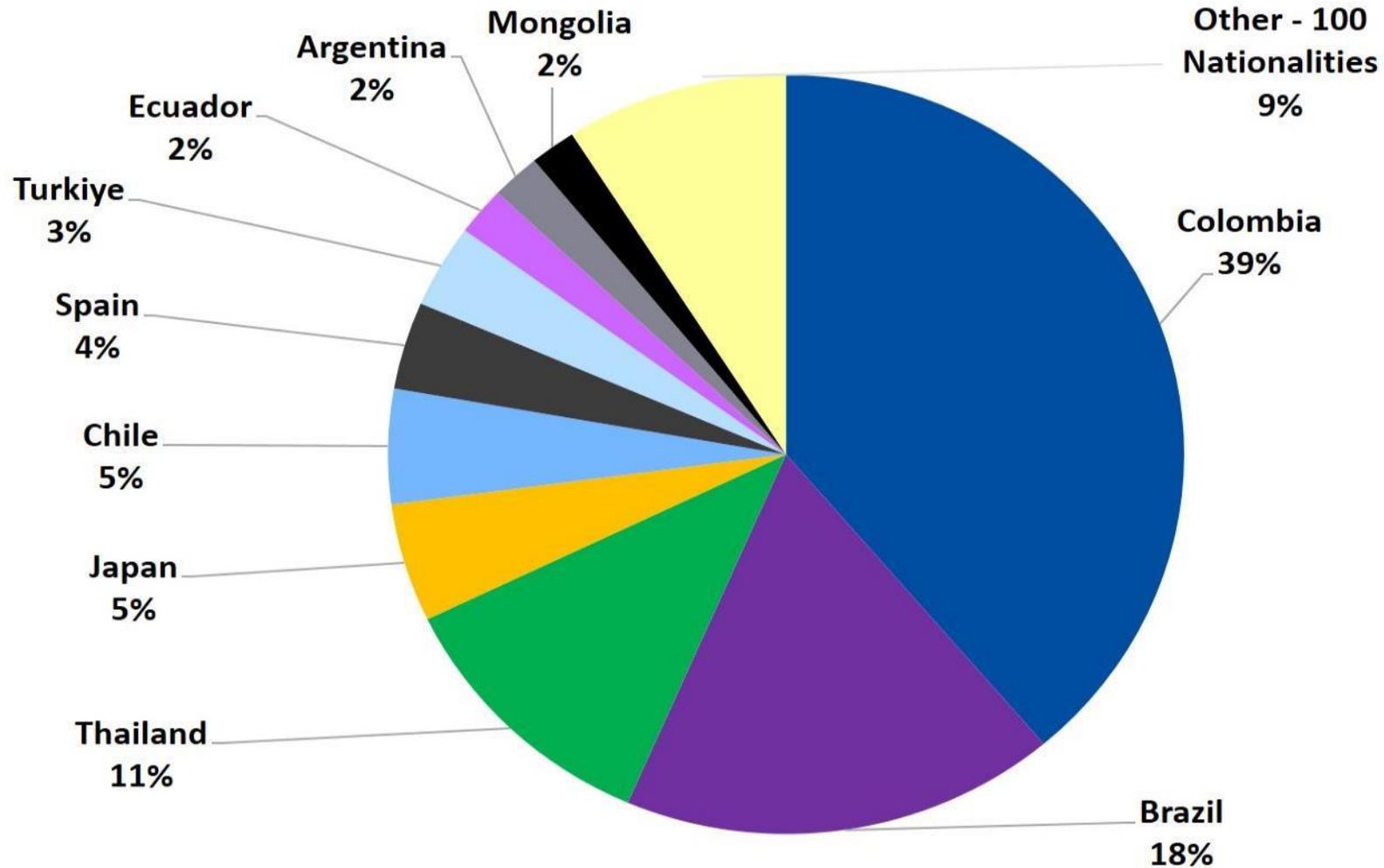


# ELICOS lodgements and finalisations have increased since 2022

ELICOS offshore lodgements and finalisations 2016 - 2023



# ELICOS grants – top 10 source countries 2022/23



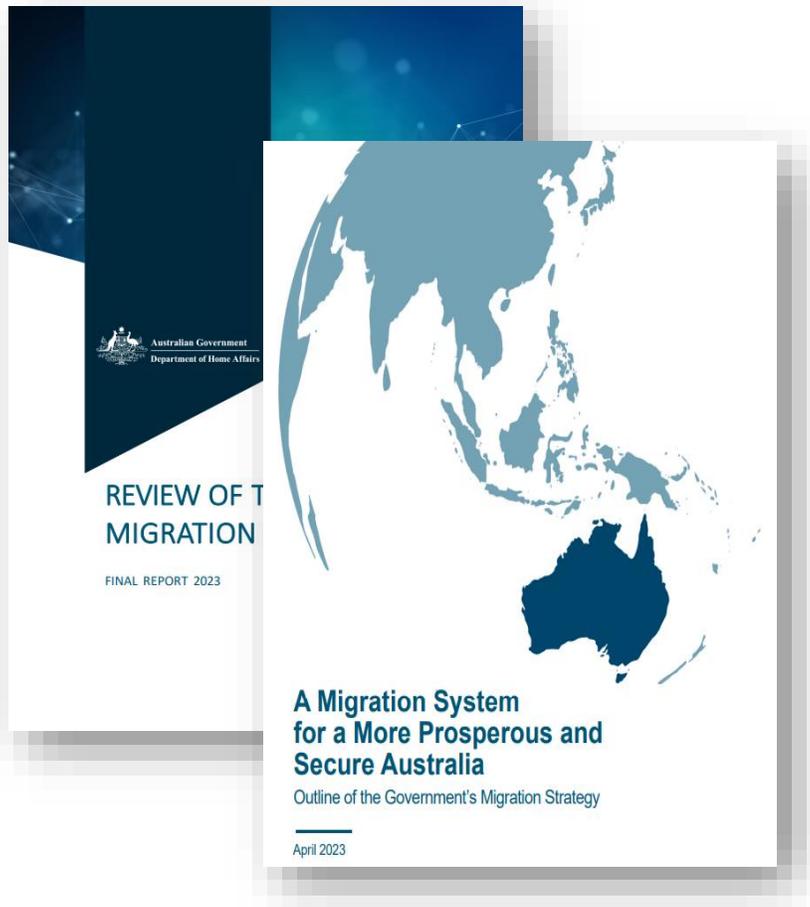
## ELICOS grants – top 10 source countries 2022/23

Citizenship Country	2018-19	% difference	2022-23
Colombia	8,248	227%	26,997
Brazil	8,354	60%	13,367
Thailand	3,700	125%	8,325
Chile	1,876	95%	3,654
Japan	3,617	-1%	3,583
Spain	2,466	4%	2,568
Turkiye	670	269%	2,475
Mongolia	1,747	10%	1,921
Argentina	311	464%	1,755
Ecuador	160	779%	1,406

# Student visa program integrity

- **Media release 26 August 2023**
  - Financial requirements
  - Consideration of Division 2 of the ESOS Act
  - End of concurrent CoEs
- **Operational focus:**
  - Refusals/ cancellations under PIC 4020:
  - Breaches of Condition 8202 – meet course requirements:
  - Breaches of Condition 8105 – 48 hour work restriction

# The Migration Strategy



- **March 2023 - Migration Review handed to Government**
- **April 2023 - Outline of the Government's Migration Strategy Released**
- **Consultation**
  - Council for International Education (CIE)
  - Education Visa Consultative Committee (EVCC)
  - Working Group
- **Late 2023 - Migration Strategy expected to be released**

# Reforms under consideration

- Raising English Language requirements for Student and Graduate visas
- Replacing the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement with a Genuine Student requirement
- Enhanced monitoring of Student visa conditions to detect non-genuine students
- Streamlining graduate visa processing to reduce the time spent on bridging visas
- Reassessing post-study work rights



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# Questions?

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